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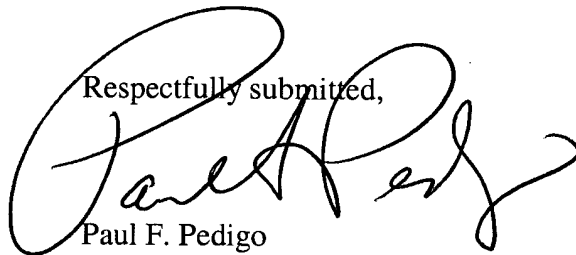
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Sir:

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All items are attached except those that were supplied in parent Application No. 09/226,341 filed January 6, 1999. Since the benefit of this application was claimed under 35 U.S.C. 120, no copies need to be furnished in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d); however, copies will be furnished on request.

Respectfully submitted,

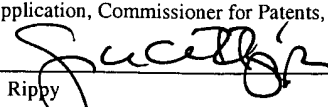


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